



Fort Foote Park

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National Park Service and Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to host Public Informational Meeting To Address Site Inspection at Fort Foote Park

Washington D.C. - The National Park Service in cooperation with the Army Corps of Engineers will host a public information meeting Monday, March 12 at the Fort Foote Elementary School located at 8300 Oxon Hill Road, in Fort Washington, MD. The meeting is being held to discuss the upcoming site inspection at Fort Foote Park; meet key project team members and answer questions about the project. The meeting is scheduled from 7:30-8:30 p.m., and will begin with a presentation followed by a question and answer session.

The Corps in coordination with the National Park Service, is conducting a site inspection to determine if any munitions or explosives of concern and/or munitions constituents resulting from the fort's historical use remain on site and pose a threat to human health or the environment. In August 2006, the Corps began a two-phase site inspection at Fort Foote Park. Phase 1 of the site inspection was completed in the fall. Based on the findings of Phase I, an intrusive investigation will be conducted as Phase II. Phase II activities will include digging selected metallic anomalies, environmental sampling, and a report of results. **Fort Foote Park will be closed during the site inspection, which is scheduled to begin the week of March 19, and continue until the end of March, 2007. Park closure will be in effect weekdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., reopening weekdays from 5 p.m. to sundown. The park will be open on weekends.**

For more information, please contact James Rosenstock, Park Ranger at (202) 690-5161.

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